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CRITICAL MOMENT AS BEING AWAITED

It Will Come When Asquith
Seeks to Take Up Bud-
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THEN UP TO REDMOND

If He Decides to Knife Ministry
It Will Mean General
Election.

BY WILLIAM T. STEAD.
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, April 2.—The veto debate in the House of Commons produced some good speakers, but has thrown little light on the probable course of events. The critical moment will come, when after the veto resolutions are passed by the Commons, but before they are disposed of by the Lords, Mr. Asquith will propose to appropriate the time of the House for passing last year's budget.

Mr. Redmond then will have to decide whether or not he will knife the ministry. If he does, a general election will be precipitated with probable adverse results to the Liberals. The Nationalists express no fear of O'Brien's "All for Ireland League," which might have more chance of success in Ireland than the capital of Ireland. O'Brien would be content with the Irish Councils bill instead of home rule for the next five years, and all his hopes are based on the support of the Unionists and land-owners.

Contrary to expectations, the Liberals should come back with a solid majority, the ministers may find it difficult to get the acceptance of Lord Rosebery's motion the key to the solution of the difficulty. The peers have decided that possession of a peerage should not in itself qualify for a seat in the House of Lords.

This was intended to deprive the crown of its only weapon against the Lords. Hitherto the King by making peers has added to the House of Lords, the Lords' resolution, therefore, if accepted, makes the Lords absolutely uncontrollable.

But the old adage of digging a pit and falling into it may apply in this case. If the ministers were to advise the King that the Lords' resolution gave him a free hand to issue writs of summons to the Lords to whomsoever he pleased, regardless of their position, the Lords would have a nominative Upper House, without any act of Parliament, for no one can sit in the House of Lords who has not been expressly summoned by the King.

Heretofore the custom has been invariable that the King should not peer, now that the Lords have expressed their opinion that the peerage in itself shall not give its holder the right to a seat in the Lords, the door is open for solving an otherwise insoluble problem—that of reconstituting the House of Lords on a democratic basis.

Peers would be made the resolution to apply to new creations, but this is capable of being interpreted as applicable to the present holders of the peerage.

Once launched on a downward course, Russia will be driven by step by step to the dismemberment of the empire. Why a government should covet so earnestly to exercise direct rule over unwilling subjects is one of the standing mysteries of international politics.

Greece Coming to the Centre.
The elections to the National Assembly of Greece will be watched with great interest. The Military League, while nominally dissolved, will still dominate the situation. Tserbas, its chief, is the ablest man in Athens.

The Greeks are much dissatisfied with the king, and more with his sons. In contrast with Ferdinand, Bulgaria, and Karl of Roumania, the Danish royalties are lacking iron in their blood.

Much surprise is expressed here by the few who know the importance of the International Agricultural Institute of Rome at the criticism to which its founder and apostle, William Lubin, is exposed by some ignoramus at Washington. Lubin's Institute, the King of Italy told me, was the germ of the future parliament of the world. It is part of the gradual Americanization of the planet.

No one seems to be so un-American as some Americans.

Concession to Strauss.
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, April 2.—Salomon, the opera by Richard Strauss, is going through various vicissitudes at the hands of the censor board in London. The censor board is produced in England. The censorship regulation which prevents the representation of Bible stories on the stage has hitherto operated against the production. A large fee was lighted, so as to be removed, and it is whispered that "Command" from high quarters reached the Lord Chamberlain to that effect.

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ANNA HELD'S DAUGHTER AWAITS HER RELEASE

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
Paris, April 2.—Miss Leane Ziegfeld, Anna Held's daughter, is still in a convent school at Versailles. She is counting the days impatiently till Miss Held returns to Paris and opens her delightful home again. She will not go back to New York next winter, but will take a year's rest from stage work to spend in the finishing touches of her daughter's education.

Miss Ziegfeld is a tall, graceful girl, with a stately beauty that is in direct contrast with her mother's petite and dainty charm. She is almost as typically American as Miss Held is Parisian. She has enjoyed the rigorous discipline of convent life, where the pupils are obliged to make their own beds and clean their own rooms.

Miss Held has insisted that her daughter should be well trained in the art of house-making.

"Leane may be a poor man's wife some day," she said, with her merry smile. "She already knows how to dance and sing, play the piano and speak many languages now. In time she may learn to shine her own shoes, darn her stockings and wash dishes. It will do her good."

Meanwhile Miss Leane thinks she has learned quite enough of all that to last her through life and is looking forward eagerly to her release.

CAMBRIDGE CREW ON SPONGE CAKE

Clean Out the Tuck Shop Counters, Ignoring All
Other Trifles.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, April 2.—A circumstantial statement is made to the effect that this year's Cambridge crew is training for the boat race on a liberal and unrestricted diet of sponge cake. It is said that some members of the crew are devouring sponge cake with such application and enthusiasm as to engender the belief that they have discovered in the sponge cake nutritive properties or luck-bringing qualities hitherto unsuspected or claimed even by the pastry cooks.

The recollection of the memorable Cambridge "erg theory" of four years ago and the Cambridge crew's prophetic use of oranges in the influenza year of two years later has lent color to this year's sponge cake story.

Diligent inquiry has traced the "sponge cake theory" to its origin in incidents of the Cambridge crew's last days of practice at Ely. When returning to Cambridge after practice on the river the members of the crew with their friends called at the Ely station refreshment room and ate all the sponge cake on the counter. This happened on the day of the crew's last practice.

The refreshment room on each platform was cleared of sponge cake. The athletes were voraciously hungry after their hard work on the river, but it was noticed by the presiding officials of the refreshment room that they showed no liking for any of the delicacies displayed under the glass covers upon the counters. But for the sponge cake they went with a steady application that seemed to indicate a reasoned purpose.

It is noted, however, that any special dietary virtue of sponge cake is being lost by the authorities to plain sponge cake. It is, they say, the least staid and indigestible of tuck-shop delicacies, and it has been found to be injurious to it from its earliest infancy, and to be a healthy young man whose hard training work is making him so well that he feels the imperative necessity of some little trifle to eat before dinner, a matter of dozen sponge cakes more or less would be the merest bagatelle. But that the sponge cake enters largely into the training dietary is so far from true that it will be rigorously prohibited during the final stages of training.

GREAT LAWYER NOT EAGER FOR TITLE

Rufus Isaacs, as Solicitor-General, Soon to Have Usual
Offering of Knighthood.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, April 2.—Rufus Isaacs, the most brilliant counsel and the most eloquent pleader in this country, has received hundreds of letters and telegrams of congratulation from all quarters of the empire on the occasion of his appointment as solicitor-general. In a few days he will receive, according to custom, the offer of a knighthood, and it is an open secret that he would much like to refuse a title which is given to every successful tradesman and many a politician.

Mr. Isaacs has for some years past been making an income of \$100,000 per annum, and he can therefore afford the temporary expense of a large staff of lawyers and clerks. He is a man of great energy and has an extraordinary career. As a young lawyer he served in the Mercantile Marine, but soon tired of the sea, and went into a business office, where he learned many things about stocks and shares, knowledge which has stood him in good stead when he has been compelled to handle political financial problems as were found in the notorious Whitaker Wright case.

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HAS CONSPICUOUS SOCIAL POSITION

Former Miss Elizabeth French
Takes Leading Part
in London.

GREAT PAGEANT COMING

Its Magnificence Will Be Un-
precedented in History of
English Capital.

BY CHARLES P. NORCROSS.
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, April 2.—Lady Chylesmore, who was Miss Elizabeth French before she married the baron, occupies just now a most conspicuous place in what may be called national socialism. As one means of ennobling the somewhat latent imperial spirit a great army pageant has been arranged to be held at Crystal Palace, and Lord Chylesmore is responsible for all the arrangements.

The pageant is to be a spectacle of unprecedented magnificence, and it is an open secret that Lady Chylesmore has been her soldier-husband's chief aid in arranging a gripping and colorful event. In fact, they have worked so hard that both have practically broken down and have had to run down to Cannes for a rest-up.

Mother and Sister to Visit Her.
So nervous has Lady Chylesmore become that she has sent for her mother and her sister, Lady French, to come to London to help launch the pageant and bear part of the responsibility. During the season also they will entertain on a large scale at their house in Prince's Gate.

That Colonel Roosevelt's forthcoming visit has given an extra stimulus to the American invasion of London is shown by the advanced booking at all the fashionable hotels, which are already the most formidable on record at this time of the year.

When Colonel Roosevelt arrives in London his reception will be imperial and his honking will be on a grand scale. Even the King and Queen will struggle to do him honor. The King intends curtailing his continental visit so as to be in London when the colonel arrives and he will receive him at Buckingham Palace. The Corporation of London and many universities will give him a reception.

The London toy shops are stocking up with vast quantities of Teddy bears and with caricature presentations of the American Nimrod in wood and papier mache are appearing on their shelves. A Roosevelt Easter egg was distributed by the Corporation of London, and the Corporation of London is coming overhauled the Chanticleer boom.

May, a Month of Social Activity.
May will be a month of activity on the part of American hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills will be in London after their return from Biarritz. Count and Countess Szechenyi will be in London after their return from Biarritz. For at least two months, society here is immensely pleased that the Szechenyi marriage has turned out so well, and the young couple are being congratulated by every one.

Meanwhile, society is on the tip-toe of expectation to see the wonders of Fordes House, said to be an even more luxurious mansion in its transformed state than Mrs. Anthony Drexel's house in Grosvenor Square.

While the Reids will give Mr. Roosevelt a series of magnificent state entertainments, much private entertainment will be given by the Duke and Duchess of Manchester. The Duke, although staid and serious, is a man of great social tact, and he will be seen in London early this summer. The Duke, although staid and serious, is a man of great social tact, and he will be seen in London early this summer.

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GEN. BOOTH TO MAKE NEW TOUR IN MAY

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, April 2.—General Booth, who has been touring from month to month in Holland and Germany, makes the following statement:

"I have been greatly impressed with the interest with which the people of Holland and those parts of Germany I have had the opportunity of visiting, especially feel in the work and earnest feeling of the Salvation Army. While everywhere one is struck with the absorption of the people in the religious and social work, the indifference and political struggles, and the indifference to social work are not so evident in every direction to what I count the salvation brought by the Cross of Jesus Christ. I have found the greatest willingness to listen to what I had to say, the most marked interest in the work at every stage, and a promise held forth for the future of the work."

"As for the attitude of the people toward me personally, I have been everywhere warmly welcomed, and in the most respectful and even affectionate, by all classes of the people, from the highest and most influential to the common populace."

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Its Wonderful Artists Are
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AMAZING PICTURES SHOWN

Critics Are Predicting Great
Things From These Ameri-
can Painters.

BY VANCE THOMPSON.
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
Paris, April 2.—French artists, including Henri Rochefort and Gabriel Mourey, have made an astounding discovery regarding American art. They have discovered the Middle West.

Pictures sent in to the Societe Nationale des Beaux Arts, which was formerly known as the New Salon, have shown an amazing strength in four or five landscape artists from the Middle States—Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Mourey says: "These men have created a school which rivals the famous Barbizon school of the last generation of French painters." He points out the fact that the only great original painters of America have always been landscapists, and foretells a rich artistic future for the landscapists of the Middle West.

Critics have placed as the head of this school John Noble, of Wichita, Kan. He is known in the West as a portrait painter for his genre work, and studies of Indian life. Half a dozen years ago he came to Paris, studied in the Latin Quarter and abruptly disappeared. He bought a small place at Pont Croix, in Brittany, and for two years he worked there. Paris has just seen the result of his work, two pictures now in the independent salon, "Evening at Saint Croix" and "A Moonlight Scene" in the same village.

These pictures have started the French artists talking. When his two big canvases were accepted